

be no evil in it, for God never commanded a sin to be committed.

*Lady Maria.* Isaac was a good child, and I will be as obedient as he was. If God should tell my mamma to kill me, I would say to her, I submit to it with all my heart.

*Mademoiselle.* He will not tell your mamma to do so; but perhaps he may order the fever, the small-pox, or any other illness to do it. If he will not demand your life, perhaps he will take your eyes, your ears, or any other part of your body. Therefore, when you are sick, you should say, like Isaac, Lord, it is you that has given me life; if you will take it from me by this sickness, I will readily consent to it. Miss Julia, you are very dull of hearing; another may have sore eyes, &c. Say therefore, with all your heart, Lord, every thing is thine; if it be thy pleasure to make me deaf or blind, *thy will be done.* And when we lose a fortune, or every thing we have in the world, we should think and say, I know very well that God

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loves me, since he has deprived me of these things, they were not good for me, if they had been good for me, I am very sure God would not have taken them from me.

*Lady Charlotte.* If we could always think in this manner, Mademoiselle, we should never make ourselves uneasy at any thing.

*Mademoiselle.* Very true, my dear; it is from considering things in this just light, that many people who appear to us to be very unfortunate, are nevertheless very happy; and in like manner as we ought cheerfully to acquiesce under the misfortunes with which the Almighty may see fit to afflict us, so ought we to apply to him to supply all our wants: he is so good, that he will not be offended at such freedom. We must ask him, in general, for all those things which are necessary for us.

*Lady Maria.* But God knows very well that we have occasion for these things

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